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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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(Continued from last week)

"BEGINNING OF SORROWS"

I have gone through pretty well that passage of the signs of His coming. Notice another thing. Verse eight says, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." Did you notice what God said here? My friend, you say this is bad? But this is only the beginning! Oh, this is horrible, it is horrible! I wonder that you are not shocked at it! We have gotten so accustomed to alarms of war, we are used to hearing terrible things happening until we are not excited about it. Don't you think it is strange that we can sleep tonight and eat our meals in comfort, when we think how many mothers tonight cling to their boys and stay awake and can't sleep because tomorrow morning their boys will be gone to war. How many sweethearts tonight lay and sob because they think they may never see their beloved any more alive. And that may be true. How many wives gather their children around tonight in European countries and weep as they try to keep a brave face and try to pray for daddy out yonder tonight being shot at. All the world, beloved, dreads war. The nations are at each other's throats. But let me tell you, God says this is just the beginning. All these things are the beginning of sorrows. What does that mean? I tell you what it means. It means sin is going to come to a reaping. It means that the patience of God is wearing thin. The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). And God says a reaping time is coming.

We have gotten along fine. The other countries have been poor, and in America we have had plenty. We said we had a depression time, and then we named it a recession. But the truth of the matter is, we have lived in luxuries. Any country—listen to me—when people have tropical fruit on their tables day after day, whether it is oranges or grapefruit, etc., and when they have frozen desserts regularly, they are not having a recession. You are accustomed, and the children of the poorest family here tonight are accustomed as an

ordinary thing to having ice cream cones. I say people needn't talk about depression. We have had riches that the Cæsars in their palaces could never have. We have radios in our homes, electric ice boxes, automobiles to drive. You have bathtubs and running water. You have all the luxuries of life. I tell you, God has been good to America. We have the freedom to speak as we please. I can go on the radio as I did this morning and preach, and I can speak to you tonight with freedom. The rest of the world hasn't the freedom to preach the gospel as we do tonight. We won't be sent to a concentration camp like Neomöller was in Germany. God has prospered us. We have money. We have the nicest homes and the best roads and the most automobiles and the most radios in the world. We have most of the telephones in the world. We have the finest diet, more delicacies to eat. We have the most expensive clothes, the nicest churches, and the most newspapers.

I say, God has blessed us. What have we done? We have gone in sin. Our homes have been turned over to divorces. Our schools are hotbeds of infidelity, communism, socialism and outright atheism. The government has stolen away the integrity of the people. The Eighteenth Amendment has been repealed. And in Texas last year to every person seven and a half gallons of beer were consumed. That means to every man, every woman, every young man, every young girl, every child, every baby in Texas, went seven and a half gallons of beer. Did you get yours, Brother Houpt?

Mr. Houpt: "No, sir!"

All right, somebody drank it for you. Somebody got fifteen gallons instead of seven and a half. Did you get yours, bud? If you didn't somebody else did. Listen to me. What does it mean? All these are the beginning of sorrows. The cup of iniquity is about full. God will bring people to judgment. What men sow they are going to reap. The wrath of God comes on wicked sinners. That means God Almighty will judge the American Government for its sin. God will judge labor for thieving and sit-down strikes and murderous picketing. God will judge the churches of America with their flannel-mouthed

Beginning Seven Articles on Backsliding By Sam Morris

We present here a series of articles on great Bible characters who became backsliders. Brother Sam Morris is the widely known "Voice of Temperance." He will begin his daily broadcasts on the world's most powerful broadcasting station, the Mexican radio station XERA on October 1st, with broadcasts daily, 7:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:15 p.m., Central Standard Time. Tune to 840 kilocycles. More than 2,000 people have written Brother Morris that his radio talks on temperance have turned them from drink.

In this issue is the first of seven articles on the general theme, "BACKSLIDERS BROUGHT BACK." Other articles will follow week after week. Write to us or to Brother Morris at Del Rio, Texas, if you are blessed by these clear Bible messages.

preachers that don't preach against sin. God will judge schools that break down faith in the Bible and deprave minds of young people and tell them they come from animals and are no better than beasts, and what does it matter about free love and adultery. God will judge America for its newspapers that advertise booze and cigarettes and show pictures of half-naked women on every page. The judgment of Almighty God is on our homes. Men cannot be true to one wife and women can't be true to one husband and children are not made to mind. There is no family altar in the home, no thanks at the table, no reading of the Word of God. I say, these things are the beginning of sorrows.

Brother, God will bring the world to judgment for its sins. As certain as God is in Heaven, what men sow they are going to reap! I say, if the world looks dark to you, if the picture is a sad picture, I remind you that Jesus Christ said this is only the beginning of sorrows, and then real trouble begins. It is the beginning of sorrows.

Let me say to every lost man and woman here, I want you to know God loves you. God has been good to you. How He has smiled upon you and prospered you! You know the Scripture says, "Despise not the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4). You

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Abraham, Whose Backsliding Cursed a Nation

BY REV. SAM MORRIS

The Bible reveals its leading characters as being "subject to like passions as we are." Noah's feet were hardly dry until he was drunk. Abraham sojourned in Egypt and brought a curse upon the land. Lot, with his family, went to ruin in Sodom. Jacob backslid and forgot his vows to God. Moses, in a fit of temper, smote the rock and was prohibited from entering the promised land. David committed murder and adultery. Solomon couldn't let the women alone. Jonah sought to evade the call to preach. Elijah hid under a juniper bush and prayed to die. Simon Peter cursed and falsified. Thomas doubted the resurrection. John Mark turned back on the missionary journey. Demas fell in love with the present evil world.

The sins and follies and doubts of these servants of God are recorded for us in the Bible. It does not mean that God sanctioned or endorsed their follies. Certainly God did not want Noah to get drunk, Abraham to go to Egypt, Jacob to forget his vows, Moses to smite the rock, David to murder, Solomon to go on a marrying spree, Simon Peter to curse, or Demas to fall in love with the present world. But God did want you and me to know the truth about these sinning servants of His. He wanted us to know how He dealt with them. "These things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted" (I Cor. 10:6).

In this series of articles on *Backsliders Brought Back*, we have selected a few of these servants, have tried to analyze their shortcomings, point out their weaknesses, call attention to their backsliding and how they were brought back into fellowship with God. We trust that the reading of this book will bring profit and pleasure spiritually to the reader as it has to the author.

God chose Abraham and called him for a great purpose. The twelfth chapter of Genesis, verses 2 and 3 tell us:

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing;

"And I will bless them that

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BUILDING BEGINS!

Loan Completed, Permit Granted, Brick Walls Going Up

By John R. Rice

To me in Petersburg came the news that the loan we were seeking to help build our new two-story, 72 x 90 feet Sunday School building had been refused. The government guarantees many loans and other real estate loans are not looked upon with much favor, particularly church loans. Many churches have defaulted on payments and lost their buildings during depression years. Two or three prominent churches in Dallas have been foreclosed and investors have lost money. At any rate, the loan was turned down.

I immediately wired the deacons, my wife and office girls to be in the church office at 7 o'clock when I would talk long distance. I urged the men to prepare to begin work on the building the following Monday morning, September 25th, loan or no loan. We had in the bank about \$1,750 after building our temporary tabernacle. We could raise more. God has never forsaken us and we know He never will, so I urged them to begin the work at once. They agreed. I told them I would be home by plane Saturday. I asked them to call a big meeting of the men of the church Saturday night.

Later I had a fine telegram from Brother T. W. Patton saying that they had secured a loan up to the full amount asked for with splendid terms, so I cancelled the plane flight and came home by train, arriving about 8:40 in Dallas. When I got out to the church about 9 o'clock a fine group of men, including the building committee, awaited me. All were enthusiastic and happy.

So actual construction began this week. Mortar boxes were built, workers hired. Four brick masons began actual brick laying today, Tuesday.

It was found necessary to tear down all the old walls. This morning one section we had hoped to save as high as the window sills of the first floor was found to be out of line two full inches by expansion of the treacherous ground.

The architect, Mr. Walter Sharp, will give constant supervision to the construction. Mr. H. D. Stark has been hired to supervise the job. He is an experienced builder and gave up the prospect of a profit on the contract to take the job for nominal wages. M. D. Hoover, a brick mason and brick foreman of long experience will lay brick and supervise masonry construction for the same wages. The work will be pushed rapidly to conclusion. The money is available to buy all materials for cash so we can make good savings on lumber and other materials. By happy contract, the steel has been bought at prices given before the rapid rise following the outbreak of the European War. God is with us! We will pay cash without borrowing as long as possible. We now have \$1,900 in the bank. We will raise more every Sunday, God willing. We will borrow only when we have to and then only what is absolutely necessary. Every item of expense will be most carefully

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Eight Days Revival In New Tabernacle

Rev. John V. Ray, Fervent and Successful Pastor of Sherman, Texas, To Preach in Revival Services at 201 E. Tenth St., Beginning Oct. 1

After long prayer, the Lord seemed to open the way and lead us to have Rev. John V. Ray, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church at Sherman, Texas, to supply the pulpit October 1st to the 15th. He will begin revival services Sunday morning, October 1st. The revival will continue for at least eight days, with services each night at 7:30. If attendance and blessings justify, they will continue for another week.

Let us expect a real blessing from God. There were some twenty-five people who stood as visitors in the Sunday night congregation. All about us are unsaved people who need Christ, troubled Christians who need strengthening, backsliders who need to be won back to the full joy and assurance and surrender of their first love. Brother Ray is a successful pastor

who is building a fine work at Sherman, Texas. He has fine training, is a college graduate, with Seminary training. He is fervent in spirit and a successful soul winner. We believe that our people will be charmed and the general public also, with his direct, warm-hearted preaching of the Word of God.

Brother Ray will be with us Friday and Saturday to begin visitation, help plan the advertising for the revival, etc. The visiting evangelist will make whatever plans he deems wise for week-day services. He will speak on radio WRR, 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning and otherwise carry on the work of the pastor. We pray God's blessings upon him and upon the church and we earnestly pray and expect to hear of happy conversions and great blessings in the revival.

Temporary Tabernacle, 201 East Tenth St.



While our new Sunday School building is under construction, we meet for services regularly in the above temporary tabernacle across the front of our lot. It is 50 x 80 feet, was built in two and a half days with some night work, most of it by volunteer labor. We are sorely crowded for Sunday School room; the Junior Department meets at the church office, 207 South Beckley, the Primary Department meets in the apartment of the superintendent, 115 South Crawford, and the rest of us crowd in the best we can. There were 364 present last Sunday, 127 of them were adults in the pastor's class.

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bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

It reminds us of God's statement to Ananias concerning the apostle Paul:

"But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

We are likewise reminded of the Lord's statement to His apostles as set forth in John 15:16:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

God's call to Abraham necessitated a life of separation:

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee" (Gen. 12:1).

What solemn words, "Get thee out!" Abraham was living in a family of idol worshippers, an idol worshipping community, among a nation of idol worshippers, and God knew that if He wanted to fulfill a great purpose in Abraham, He would have to get him out of those surroundings. So God called him out of that idolatrous environment to a separated life, and from that day until this, separation is a prerequisite to spiritual service and power. If a church is to bless its community, or if an individual is to bless his associates, the separated life is necessary.

That is the reason Paul urges upon New Testament believers:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1, 2).

Moreover, in Second Corinthians, chapter 5, He makes this strong-er by writing:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness,"

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel,"

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols, for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

"And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:14-18).

Abraham obeyed by faith. In Hebrews 11:8 we are told how Abraham reacted to this call of separation:

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

Very frequently in my evangelistic services and personal soul winning efforts, the person to

whom I am speaking who is under the grip of drink or gambling or immortality or cursing or some other besetting sin, says to me, "Brother Morris, I would be only too glad to trust the Lord if I knew that He would take away my craving for drink or this habit of mine."

Well, good neighbor, who would not? That is where faith comes in. We know that God wants us to trust Him. Let us obey, in faith, believing that He will guide and bless, and just as we trust Him for forgiveness, let us trust Him for sustaining grace. Abraham obeyed and went out, not knowing where he went. He didn't sit around and wait for God to give him a road map and a blue print and a deed to the land of Canaan. He went out, not knowing where he went but having faith in God. And we are told in Hebrews 11:9, 10:

"By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Abraham was a man of prayer. He was a nomadic wanderer, journeying around through the land of promise with his flocks and herds. When he came to a likely location wherein he expected to stop for a few days, he would always set up an altar. We read that he passed through the land into the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh and

"there buildeth he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him."

"And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he buildeth an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord" (Gen. 12:7, 8).

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"And there was a famine in the land." The creeks and rivers and water holes dried up. The hot winds blew across the dusty slopes. Vegetation burned to a crisp. The cattle got thin. Sheep died. Abraham faced the stern reality of heavy losses in live stock. He felt that something had to be done.

"And Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land."

Something had to be done. They couldn't afford to just sit around in the promised land and let their sheep and cattle all die, so Abraham decided, like many another man has done since that time, to go for a little visit down into Egypt until the drouth "broke," until the "depression" sorta slackened up. The Scripture says he went to "sojourn"—that means for a brief visit. Of course he had no idea of permanently leaving the Lord, the Lord's leadership or the land where the Lord wanted him to live. God's place and plan were all right when there was no famine in the land, but testing time and drouth and depression—well, that is different. God had given him those sheep and cattle and God meant for him to use foresight and intelligence. Like a good many men that I have met who lost their position and in their search for work, go to oil fields, enter questionable occupations or indulge in doubtful doings. None of them expect to make a permanent affair of it.

We do not find that Abraham prayed anywhere while he was in Egypt; in fact, we feel quite certain that he did not. Instead of trusting God and walking by faith, he resorted to deception, subterfuge and trickery. It was quite common in those days that if a king saw a beautiful woman that he wanted for a wife, he would kill the husband and take the woman. Sarah was just such a beautiful woman. And now we find that Abraham who had been dwelling without fear in the land of Canaan with the Canaanites all around him, all at once became very much afraid of his own safety and said to Sarah his wife:

"Behold, now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

"Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say,

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are going on to judgment with God trying to be good to you. God has wooed you, sinner, as any man would woo his sweetheart. With all the gifts at His command, with all the pleading words, with all the loving action He has tried to win your love. So God wooed the sinner. God sought you, plead with you in His mercy. I tell you, my friends, God Almighty now is going to bring the world to sit up and take notice. I believe we are beginning such a period of sorrow and bloodshed and crime and poverty and famine and terror as the world never saw before. I believe we are in the beginning of sorrows because God cannot let sin go by without punishment. Sinner, God is going to bring men to taw for their sins. Lost man, if you are not saved, you listen. Hard-hearted sinners, you flaunt your independence in the face of God. But as certain as there is a God in Heaven, some day God is going to demand repentance. You remember what He said about the tree. He said that this is the third year it has cumbered the ground and He has dug about it and fertilized it and yet it hadn't brought forth fruit, and He commanded the keeper to cut it down (Luke 13:6-9). He said that the husbandman came and said to the owner, "Give me another year to dig about it and let me give it one more chance. If there is no fruit then, I will cut it down." He said, "The ax is laid at the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matt. 3:10).

Sinners, God now says about you—"He has been good to you and you wouldn't listen—so then because of all these things, prepare to meet thy God. Listen, sinners, God has been good to you. Before you sleep tonight, I would say, "Oh, God, I have been a fool! You gave me a family; You gave me my job; I have had clothes and food; I have had luxuries; I have had freedom; I haven't had to go to the army and spend four years as I would if I had been born in some of the European countries; I have been blessed." I would go home and say, "Oh, God, I have been a fool. I will seek You, and I will not sleep tonight until I know my sins are forgiven and I am really saved." Jesus is coming and the world is entering into the beginning of sorrows. We don't know when He is coming. We can't set dates, but I warn you, this is only the beginning of sorrows! That is what Jesus said.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO

Another thing I have marked here this scripture to which I call your attention. It is what we ought to do. What ought we to do since God has told us these things? Look in the same chapter, read two or three things.

1. "Take Heed That Ye Be Not Deceived"

First of all is in verse four. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." I want to warn you now. Listen to me, and you had better take heed. Look across the corner yonder (points to Christian Science church building). Look across that corner. Jesus Christ said to His disciples to watch out for Christian Scientists. He said they would lead you astray. They will lead you away from the Bible, and away from Christ. He said to look out for Spiritualism and fortune-tellers.

This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

"Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee" (Gen. 12:11-13).

What a different man in the land of Canaan, building his altar, walking by faith, obeying God, living the separated life and apparently with no fear in his soul! But now with prayer gone, out of place, down in Egypt, stooping to trickery, deception and subterfuge, he

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Jesus told them to beware of these. You may have someone sick, somebody you love, or you will want to know about the future, and you will be led to fortune-tellers or Spiritualists. But Jesus said, "But beware that no man deceive you." Beware about the I-Am cult, about Father Coughlin and Father Divine. Beware about Unity organization. False religions will spring up on every hand. But Jesus said, "Take heed and don't be deceived."

Some people make education their god, and somebody else his business. Somebody else thinks fame is the main thing. But they are false, deceiving religions. Lodge religion damns millions of souls. Don't look to that, but look to Jesus Christ. "Take heed that no man deceive you." That is the message of Jesus for these last days. He tells us just before He comes how that sin will increase.

2. "See That Ye Be Not Troubled"

What else? I will read you another thing. "See that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass." If I were you I would read that and memorize it. Look at verse six: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars; (What does Jesus say?) See that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." See that ye be not troubled!

Grady, how old are you?

"Twenty-eight."

Grady has no children and Lora can make a living for herself. Grady, if they call for soldiers and you go up for an examination and they find you have no dependents, that you do not have any children, that your health is good, and that your wife is able to make a living for herself—Grady, you are likely to be among the first to go. I will tell you what you had better do. When you read the newspaper tomorrow morning about the terrible war, I would look up and say, "Lord Jesus, I am not going to be troubled. I am not going to be fretted and worried." "See that ye be not troubled," Jesus said. Grady, He doesn't want you to fret and worry. You are a Christian. You need not wring your hands and say, "What will I do?" See that ye be not troubled. And, Lora, you can trust the Lord about it, and instead of wringing your hands about Grady and instead of worrying, you can thank God that Grady has preaching on his mind, and he ought to—and instead of worrying about him, you can lay your head on your pillow and say, "Lord Jesus, you said, 'See that ye be not troubled.' Lord Jesus, I am not worried. You say You are coming. I can risk Grady in Your hands. I am not going to be worried about it." Any mother here that has a boy anywhere from sixteen, twenty, to thirty years old—how many mothers have boys like that? I tell you what you had better do. You had better go home tonight and say, "Lord Jesus, let me get some things settled and settled for good." America is not in this war. Will America enter into the war? I don't know. I can't say. I hope not, but every mother ought to go home tonight and say, "Lord Jesus, here is one thing I will settle. I will not fret myself." Mrs. Widner, you can

say, "I will leave Bill in God's hands. God loves him. He is ready if God called him away, but I will not be worried about it." You mothers leave your boys in the hands of Jesus Christ. Then when you read the black headlines of war or hear it over the radio you can have peace in your heart and leave it with Jesus Christ. He said, "See that ye be not troubled." You know one of the great sins these days that often is the cause of nervous breakdowns and fret and worry is the sin of unbelief, the sin of lack of trust, the sin of no rest of heart—and what sin it is!

Mrs. Harding, you can go to sleep tonight and say, "The Lord Jesus has cared for me all along and He is not quitting me now just because of the war in Europe." "See that ye be not troubled."

There are special temptations for Christians when they see the signs coming, when the signs begin to appear to be troubled. But the Lord Jesus said, "See that you are not troubled."

Mrs. Taylor, Ray would be just about right to go to war. But you can say, "I will leave it in God's hands and not be troubled." Jesus said, "See that ye be not troubled." I thank God, being a Christian is something mighty good. When other people fret and worry being a Christian something gives you peace in your heart anywhere you go so that you can sing:

"Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep,

Though the darkening shadows 'round about me creep.

Knowing I shall waken never more to roam,

Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home."

Brother, you don't need to be afraid if you are a Christian. You can have everything settled up with the Lord and go to sleep tonight. You can say, "If it is death; if I lose every penny I have; if I am out of work tomorrow; if I have to get a food card within a month or two to get anything to eat; never mind—I will say, 'Lord Jesus, You planned all this out. I am not going to worry.' " "See that ye be not troubled."

3. Look For Jesus to Come

What else does He command us in view of these things? I am not giving you what I have made up. I went through this passage of Scripture and copied out those commands.

Here is another one. Look at verses thirty-two and thirty-three:

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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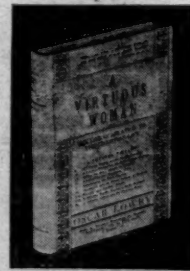
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know that it is near, even at the doors."

I will tell you what you ought to do. Make up your mind that Jesus is coming. The signs are before you. But before all these things must come the rapture. So with expectant heart, tomorrow morning, Brother McGuire, when you go to work, you should be thinking, "Jesus may come today!" I would make up my mind to that. In verse forty-two the Scripture says here:

"Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Everybody ought to watch. Let us be watching for Jesus. Let's don't be asleep. Don't let Him catch us napping. Jesus is coming and I want to be watching.

4. Watch and Be Ready For His Coming

What else? This is the last. Read verse forty-four.

"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

What am I going to do? Lost man, this a good verse for you. When you read of trouble, what are you going to do? Jesus said, "Be ye also ready." Get ready to meet God. Get ready for Jesus to come. Get ready for war. Get ready to be in a famine or to be killed in an earthquake. Get ready to die. "Be ye also ready." Wouldn't it be wonderful tonight if everybody could sing this song with me:

"Ready to go, ready to stay,
Ready my place to fill;
Ready for service, lowly or great,
Ready to do His will."

Are you ready tonight? If not, you had better get ready. Jesus is coming. "Be ye also ready."

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This offer closes promptly, October 13th. We will have time for only one other announcement in

Building Begins!

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checked and approved by the executive committee of the building committee. We will have a building which was first estimated to cost \$35,000, and then by a good contractor estimated at \$28,000 plus, but which is costing us, God willing, little, if any, more than half that amount.

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Editor In Revival at Maywood, California, October 1st to 15th

The editor is to leave for Maywood, California, where he will be engaged for two weeks of revival services with the First Baptist Church of which Rev. Lyman H. Coker is the pastor. Readers of *The Sword of the Lord* in the Los Angeles section can find the First Baptist Church of Maywood at the corner of 57th and Carmelita Streets.

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Abraham, Whose Backsliding Cursed a Nation

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is a cringing, cowardly, fearful creature.

So far as Abraham is concerned, his plan worked and he prospered, for we read:

"And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

"The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

"And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maid-servants, and she asses and camels" (Gen. 12:14-16).

Did you ever hear anybody say that it pays to serve God and mean by that statement that it paid in dollars and cents, in popularity, prestige and position? Did you ever hear anybody say a man won't prosper away from God and out of His will and mean by that that a man won't make money, accumulate property, have influence or power in the community where he lived? I do not believe such a philosophy. The prosperity of the wicked and the want of the righteous are two startling facts that face us. A man may prosper or he may not prosper who is not living for God. Here was a man away from God but he prospered and became rich in cattle, in silver and in gold.

But he proved to be a curse upon the Egyptians.

"The Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abraham's wife" (Gen. 12:17).

We are not told just how God sent that curse upon the Egyptians. He did not send it upon Abraham. He did not send it upon Sarah. He did not send it upon Abraham's flocks and herds. He sent it upon the people among whom Abraham settled. A backslider may prosper but he will certainly not bless the people around him. God called Abraham to be a blessing. But I have my first backslider yet to find that was a blessing spiritually, domestically, morally or any other way to those around him. My own conviction is that one of the great hindering causes of our churches all over the land today is that they are filled with men and women who, like Abraham, have backslidden, gotten out of the will of God, and, resorting to trickery and subterfuge, and while they prosper in a material way and are looked up to in the churches because of that prosperity, they are spiritual curses upon the congregations wherein they hold church membership.

This intolerable condition could not continue, so we read in Genesis 12:18-20:

"And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me, why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

"Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

"And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had."

I wonder how Abraham felt that day when Pharaoh, who had been

so kind to him, had entreated him so favorably, called him before him and rebuked him for his deception and trickery and then ran him out of the country. It is a terrible experience to know that you have proven unworthy of the kindness and goodness of others.

So we read in Genesis 13:1-4:

"And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

"And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

"And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;

"Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord."

Abraham came back to the altar that he first built in the promised land. He got out of pocket by leaving God, forgetting prayer, neglecting his altar and trusting in deception, and when he was driven out of Egypt there was just one place where his goading, guilty conscience would let him stop, and that was the place of the altar which he had made at the first, and there he called on the name of the Lord.

When I was a small child between ten and fourteen years of age, we lived on a farm in eastern

Oklahoma. It was a timbered country. The field quite naturally had many stumps that made plowing difficult. I well recall the first time I ever plowed corn. Father said to me one morning at the breakfast table, "Sam, I think you are old enough to learn how to plow."

That thrilled me very much. I had been feeling that way for some time and I was glad to know that my father was waking up to my possibilities! We went to the lot after breakfast and hooked up the most gentle old work horse we had to a Georgia stock and proceeded to that section of the field where the least amount of stumps were and where some young corn needed cultivating.

Father plowed one round, instructing me at the time as to how to handle the Georgia stock, and then he said, "Here, now, you take it and plow a round."

My, how thrilled I was as I put those knotted reins over my shoulders, caught hold of the handles of the plow and said, "Get up!"

We had gone only a short way down the corn row when the point of the plow hit a root and glanced off across the row, cutting up corn. I promptly stepped to the other side of the row, gave the handles a twist, and the Georgia stock went skimming back across the row, cutting up some more corn and of course going too far away from the row. Whereupon I stepped over to the other side, gave the handles a twist and across the row we went again to the other side, cutting up some corn as we went. I found myself completely

baffled, plowing up corn at every crossing of the row.

Whereupon my father said, "Wait a minute, son. Let me show you how to handle that."

He slipped the reins over his shoulders, put the plow in the ground and proceeded down the row. He hadn't gone far when the plow jumped to the other side as it had done with me. He immediately stopped the animal, set the plow back on the right side of the row where it had jumped out and proceeded on. When the plow would jump out, instead of twisting the handles around and trying to get it in place as he moved on down the row, he would back the plow up, set it back on the right side in the proper place. When we got to the end of the row we looked back and instead of a zig-zag furrow being plowed as I was doing, there was a straight furrow beside the row of corn.

Abraham put his plow back in the ground. And, dear reader, if you have gotten out of the will of God, don't proceed on further, twisting around, zig-zagging here and there, trying to get straight by going across again, just back up and put the plow in the ground.

"And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;

"Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord" (Gen. 13:3, 4).

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